

REMARKS

The undersigned wishes to extend appreciation to Examiner Parsley of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for the courtesies extended in a telephonic interview on May 10, 2005. The substance of that telephonic interview is hereby confirmed and expanded upon.

It is respectfully submitted that Figure 7 as filed shows a central, male member and two, lateral, female members. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the drawings has been overcome. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Attention is directed to the amendment to pages 4 and 5 of the specification in the AMENDMENT filed on August 9, 2004. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the specification has been overcome. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

As confirmed in the telephonic interview, claims 6, 7, 10 and 11 have been amended in a manner desired by the Examiner. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the claims has been overcome. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that a person skilled in the art would not read the recitations of the claims in a manner as done by the Examiner. However, to advance prosecution and in a spirit of conciliation, claims 12, 13 and 18 have been amended to recite that the cylinders are pivotal within the recesses. The Examiner agreed that Ptolemy does not appear to suggest such a pivotal engagement. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of the claims has been overcome. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Although not argued as being unnecessary, it is respectfully submitted that the claims include other recitations which are not taught or suggested by the prior art. It is specifically reserved without prejudice to present such arguments in the event that the rejections are not removed.

The Examiner has cited the United States patents listed in NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED as A-I. By the lack of application of these references, the references cited in the October 25, 2004 Office communication and others like them within the classes or subclasses searched, the Examiner apparently recognizes the clear patentability of the present invention over any of these references.

Therefore, since the claims of the present application have been shown to include limitations directed to the features of applicant's safety device of collar for pet which are neither shown, described, taught, nor alluded to in any of the references cited by the Examiner, whether

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those references are taken singly or in any combination, the Examiner is requested to allow claims 4-7 and 10-22, as amended, of the present application and to pass this application to issue.

Examiner Parsley indicated that the changes to the claims were believed to define over the prior art, but that allowance would depend upon approval from his supervisor. Examiner Parsley also indicated that any obstacles to allowance could be resolved by an Examiner's Amendment after entry of the present Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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